

## **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*

**Habitat Preference:** Open country, especially areas that overlook rivers and lakes. Found in open forest and wetlands. Nest in cliffs or rock outcroppings. They winter mostly along the coast.

### **Threats:**

- DDT pesticides during the 1950's and 1960's caused severe decline (problem resolved).
- Great-horned owls sometimes kill fledglings.
- Nests are preyed upon by small predators such as raccoons.

### **Appropriate Practices:**

- Due to a highly successful captive breeding/reintroduction program the peregrine falcon has made a tremendously successful recovery throughout its range.

